1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
26.	A & N Island	0.58	20.55	0.24	22.11	0.82	20.99
27.	Chandigarh	0.06	5.75	0.45	5.75	0.51	5.75
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.30	17.57	0.03	13.52	0.33	17.14
29.	Daman & Diu	0.01	1.35	0.05	7.52	0.06	4.44
30.	Delhi	0.07	0.40	11.42	9.42	11.49	8.23
31.	Lakshadweep	0.03	9.38	0.08	20.27	0.11	15.60
32.	Pondicherry	0.64	20.55	1.77	22.11	241	21.67
	All India	1932.43	27.09	670.07	23.62	2602.50	26.10

Note: 1. Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura.

2. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.

3. Poverty Line of Himachal Pradesh and expenditure distribution of Jammu and Kashmir is used to estimate poverty ratio of Jammu & Kashmir.

4. Poverty Ratio to Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island.

5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh

6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

7. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman &Diu.

8. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep.

Mid-Term Appraisal of Tenth Plan

1118. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has revealed that many of the Ministries and Departments have not earmarked adequate funds for SCs/STs as per their share in population and consequently new guidelines have been issued in this regard; and

(b) if so, whether it would be ensured, either by Planning Commission or the nodal Ministries/Departments that funds earmarked in the budget for 2007-08 for welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, are actually spent and the targets set are achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has revealed that many of the Ministries and Departments have not earmarked adequate funds for SCs/STs as per their share in population. Only 14 Central Ministries/Departments have earmarked funds under Scheduled Caste Sub-plan (SCSP) and 25 Central Ministries towards the Tribal Sub-plan (TSP). Subsequently, Planning Commission has issued new guidelines on 13.12.2006 to all Central Ministries/ Departments for formulation, effective implementation and monitoring of Scheduled Caste Sub-plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-plan (TSP) for the welfare and development of SCs and STs in the country. The guidelines *inter-alia* stipulate that: (i) Earmarking of funds SCSP/TSP from the Central Ministry/ Department out of total Plan outlay at least in the proportion of SC and ST population of the country for the welfare development of SCs and STs (ii) Placing the funds earmarked for SCSP/TSP under separate budget head/ sub-head for each central Ministry/Department for implementing SCSP and TSP so as to make it non-divertible.

(b) Yes, Sir. Efforts are being made by both Planning Commission and the nodal Ministries of Social Justice and Empowerment and Tribal Affairs towards ensuring that the funds earmarked in the budget for 2007-08 for the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are actually spent and targets are set and achieved through half yearly and annual progress reviews of the same. Planning Commission has reconstituted the standing Central Tripartite Committee under the Chairmanship of Member, Planning Commission concerned of the subject on 16.1.2006 for reviewing the effective implementation and monitoring of Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) funds for the welfare of SCs and STs by the Central Ministries/Departments and States/U.Ts. The nodal Ministries of Social Justice and Empowerment and Tribal Affairs through periodical monitoring and reviews will also continue to make efforts to ensure that funds earmarked for the budget 2007-08 for the welfare and development of SCs and STs through various schemes are actually spent.